BTEC Assignment Brief

Qualification	Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Land-based Studies Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture
Unit number and title	26: Applied Agricultural Farming Practice
Learning aim(s)	**C:** Review farm practice and opportunities for Production **D:** Produce a farm practice management plan to develop farm productivity levels
Assignment title	**Farm Management Practice**
Assessor	
Issue date	
Hand in deadline	
Vocational Scenario or Context	You have now demonstrated to your supervisor your ability to manage crops and livestock. An opportunity to progress your career at the farm has come up and you intend to apply for it. Your supervisor has asked you to demonstrate your knowledge of farm practice management and asked you to present a farm practice management plan and audit.
Task 1	Your supervisor has asked you to produce a farm evaluation and management plan supported by a farm audit. Your farm management evaluation and plan will be relevant, focused, reasoned, and practicable to be easily implemented with realistic availability to resources. The plan will include: • Logical aims and objectives with a reasoned strategy for implementation and justification of own ideas for increasing productivity. The plan must cover all the main areas including farm practice production, alternative production opportunities, and resources, remedial actions for pests and disease, nutrition, welfare, waste, implementation, risk management, inspection, regulation and licensing needs. • Reflections on how observations of own practice have an impact on farming production outcomes. Compare this with a thorough and detailed audit of the farm's production potential, considering internal and external constraints. You will inspect and monitor farming practice confidently and competently. Use accurate agricultural terminology and principles throughout your portfolio.

Checklist of evidence required	Practical portfolio, to include written evidence, Observation Records and/or Witness Statements, video and/or detailed annotated photographs and a reflective diary/log of activities.
Criteria covered by this task:	
Unit/Criteria reference	To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:
CD.D3	Produce a feasible and effective farm production management plan and justify how decisions will increase productivity, based on critical evaluation of agricultural farming practice
C.M5	Carry out effective farm production monitoring systems with a high degree of accuracy, evaluating the impact of farming practice on productivity
D.M6	Produce a competent farm production management plan, based on inspection, assessment and comparison of current farm production
C.P6	Assess for signs of impact on welfare, health and deficiency of agricultural products within own practice
C.P7	Appropriately inspect the suitability of a farm production process to increase productivity
D.P8	Produce an appropriate farm production management plan that selects and applies farm practical skills

Sources of information to support you with this Assignment	**Books** Dorling Kindersley *The Business Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained* (Dorling Kindersley 2014) ISBN: 978 - 1409341260 IAgSA *Farm Office Handbook* (Old Pond Publishing 2017) ISBN: 978 – 1910456576 MacHer R. *Making Your Small Farm Profitable* (Storey Books 1999) ISBN: 978 – 1580171618 Nutthall P.L. *Farm Business Management: Analysis of Farming Systems* (Cabi Publishing 2011) ISBN: 978 – 1845938398 Nutthall P.L. *Farm Business Management: The Fundamentals of Good Practice* (Cabi Publishing 2016) ISBN: 978 – 1780646572 Pettinger R. *Business Studies for Dummies* (J.Wiley & Sons 2013) ISBN: 978 - 1118348116 Salatin J. *You Can Farm: The Entrepreneur's Guide to Start & Succeed in a Farming Enterprise* (Polyface Inc. 2006) ISBN: 978 – 0963810922 Shanks J. *The Farmer's Office: Tools, Tips and Templates to Successfully Manage a Growing Farm Business* (New Society Publishers 2016) ISBN: 978 – 0865718166 Turner J. *Applied Farm Management* (J.Wiley & Sons 1998) ISBN: 978-0632036035